

25th Sunday of Pentecost
November 10, 2024
Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor
Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music



Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Thank You to Howard Lyon for providing Special Music this morning!

PRELUDE ~ *Andante from Symphonie No. 3*

-Franz J Haydn

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us.**

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ *Day by Day* (from Godspell)

Day by day, day by day, oh, dear
Lord, three things I pray. To see Thee more
clear - ly, love Thee more dear - ly, fol - low Thee more
near - ly, day by day. day by day.
day by day by day by day by day.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER of the DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 146

Read Responsively

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.**

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to
earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and
all that is in them; who keeps promises
forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the
LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O
Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

The holy gospel according to St. Mark & St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 2: 23-28

23-28 One Sabbath day he was walking through a field of ripe grain. As his disciples made a path, they pulled off heads of grain. The Pharisees told on them to Jesus: "Look, your disciples are breaking Sabbath rules!" Jesus said, "Really? Haven't you ever read what David did when he was hungry, along with those who were with him? How he entered the sanctuary and ate fresh bread off the altar, with the Chief Priest Abiathar right there watching-holy bread that no one but priests were allowed to eat-and handed it out to his companions?" Then Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made to serve us; we weren't made to serve the Sabbath. The Son of Man is no yes-man to the Sabbath. He's in charge!"

Luke 17:11-19

11-19 It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude glorifying God. He knelt at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough-and he was a Samaritan. Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?" Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ Take My Life



1. Take my life ___ and let ___ it be ___ con - se - crat - ed, Lord, .
 2. Take my voice ___ and let ___ me sing ___ al - ways, on - ly, for ___
 3. Take my will ___ and make ___ it Thine, - it ___ shall be ___ no long -



___ to Thee. ___ Take my mo - ments and ___ my ___ days, ___ let ___
 ___ my King. ___ Take my lips ___ and let ___ them ___ be ___ filled, .
 - er mine. ___ Take my heart, - it is ___ Thine - own, ___ it ___



___ them flow ___ in cease - less praise. ___ Take my hands ___ and
 ___ with mes - sag - es ___ from Thee. ___ Take my sil - ver
 ___ shall be ___ Thy roy - al throne. ___ Take my love, ___ my



let them ___ move ___ at the im - pulse of ___ Thy love. ___
 and my ___ gold, ___ not a mite ___ would I ___ with - hold. ___
 Lord, I ___ pour ___ at Your feet ___ its treas - ure store. ___



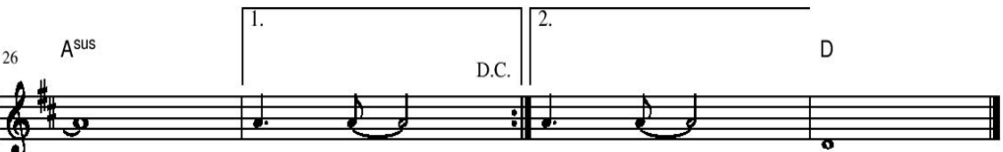
Take my feet ___ and let ___ them ___ be ___ swift ___ and beau - ti - ful ___ for Thee. ___
 Take my in - tel - lect ___ and ___ use ___ ev - 'ry pow - er as ___ You choose. .
 Take my - self ___ and I ___ will ___ be ___ ev - er, on - ly, all ___ for Thee. ___



Here ___ am I, ___ all ___ of me. .



Take ___ my ___ life, ___ it's all ___ for Thee. .



PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. We pray especially for: Karen S. Carolyn M, Rick, Paul, Larry & Barb, Cindi, Tom, Evelyn, Esther, Judy, Kathi, Pr. Karen & Dave, Don and Donna and our Little Library friend's prayer request. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING and PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING ~ *Adagio from Symphonie No.3*

-Franz J Haydn

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 692 *We Are an Offering*

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

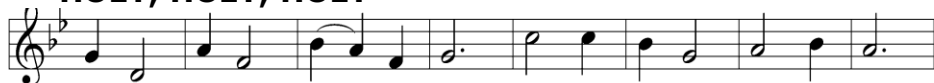
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all. We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Kingdom of God. And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence. Together we offer our praise and join in the hymn of all creation:

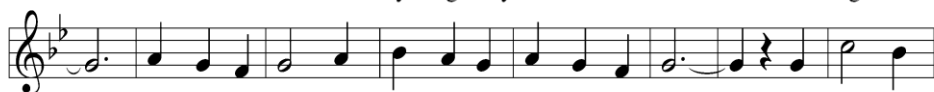
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na



in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.

LAMB of GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ *Lord I Need You* cont'd pg.14



1. Lord, I



come, I con - fess. Bow - ing here, I find my ___ rest. And with - out



You, I fall a - part. You're the one that guides my ___ heart.



Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev - 'ry hour I



need You. My one de - fense, my right - eous - ness; Oh, God, how I need



You. 2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is ___ more. Where grace is



found is where You ___ are. And where You are, Lord, I am _



___ free. Ho - li - ness is Christ in ___ me. Where You are, Lord, I am.



___ free. Ho - li - ness is Christ in ___ me. _____ Lord, I

CHORUS 1



need You, oh, I need You. Ev - 'ry hour I need You. My



one de-fense, my right - eous-ness; Oh, God, how I need You.

2nd time to Coda

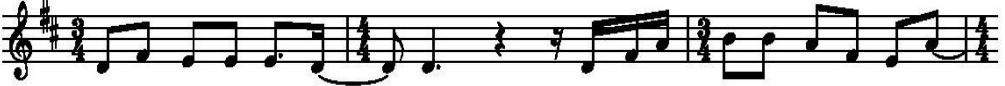
BRIDGE



So, teach my song to rise to You when temp-ta-tion comes my



way. And when I can - not stand, I'll fall on You.



Je - sus, You're my hope and ___ stay. And when I can - not stand, I'll fall on ___



D.S. al Coda

___ You. Je - sus, You're my hope and ___ stay. Lord, I

Coda

CHORUS 2



Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev - 'ry hour I



need You. My one de-fense, my right - eous-ness; Oh, God, how I need



You. My one de - fense, my



right - eous - ness; Oh, God, how I need You.

Instrumental Meditation

Please stand

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our † Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Thank you, Divine Spirit, for this holy meal and for coming to us as we have shared it. May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives; May the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers; And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign in every word we speak and in everything we do. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 638 *Blessed Assurance*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek the Truth. **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE ~ Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
-Spiritual

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PARISH NOTES ~ November 10, 2024

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This morning the flowers, are given to the *Glory of God*,
in Memory of Pauline and Richard Jenkins
from Lon Jenkins

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers: Karen Shick, Cindi Reid, Carolyn Mariotti, Rick Penn, Larry & Barb Ruhlman, Judy Nordin, Tom Cirillo, Esther Klakamp, Kathi (Cindy Filson's sister), Pastor Karen & Dave, Don & Donna Holder, Evelyn Senger, and our Little Library friends requesting our prayers.

Receiving Communion: If it is a challenge for you to come forward to receive communion, please alert the usher and you will be served communion at your seat.

Sunday, November 10: Choir ~ 9a & 10:45a

Bible Study 11a

Sunday, November 17: Choir ~ 9a & 10:45a

Movie: Chosen 11a in F.H.

Stewardship: The "**Intention for Giving Pledge**" cards are available in the narthex (with privacy envelopes) on the center table. **TODAY** is **Thank You Sunday**, we ask that you prayerfully **complete and return** your cards either in the offering plate or to the office.

THIS AFTERNOON @ 3:00p Fall Festival of Hymns

Come and enjoy singing a selection of fall seasonal hymns and songs, followed by goodies & cider in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday, November 11: Town Hall Meeting and Committee Night @ 6p in the Fellowship Hall. This is an important gathering for **ALL** members to discuss the present and future of your Abiding Hope Family. Please **make an effort** to attend.

Wednesday, November 13: The final **2024 Lunch & Listen** will feature Dan Niebauer, VP and Design Specialist from Ralph Miller Jewelers. Join us as Dan discusses original, one-of-a-kind, handmade, fine jewelry creations. **BYO lunch 12n..speaker 12:30p.** Dessert, coffee/tea provided.

Thursday, November 14: All ladies of the congregation are invited to **Ladies Night Out** at **Syd's Place**, 2992 West Lake Rd (just west of Peninsula Dr) **5:30p.** Please **sign the sheet** in the narthex or **RSVP** to **Jacque Holmberg 814.490.4470** by **Monday, Nov. 11.** If you can drive or need a ride let Jacque know. **Drivers leave AHLC @ 5:00p.**

Wednesday, November 20: **Prayer Warriors** meet **1:00-3:00p** in the Sanctuary. Pray with us silently for whatever time you can or wherever you are during that time. Through intercession prayers believers can bring comfort, encouragement and hope to those facing difficult circumstances.

Thursday, November 21: **Volunteers** needed for the **Holy Trinity Sloppy Joe Dinner (3:50p to about 6:45p, 643 W 17th St, Erie)** for the Homeless hosted by Abiding Hope members. **COOKIES** also needed! Cookies for the dinner, labeled "HT", can be placed in the AH freezer between **Nov 13 & Nov 20 (by 12n).** Please try to **sign the volunteer sheet TODAY, Nov 10** to aid with planning or contact Jacque Holmberg. Thank you so much. Funding through Thrivent Action Team Request.

Wednesday, November 20: **Men's Night, 5:30p @ Primanti Brothers Sports Bars, Millcreek Mall.**

Sunday, November 24: Sontheimer Sunday.

A very special day to celebrate Milton and Mary's talents and to thank their son Paul's amazing gift to us of Milton's paintings. The **dedication**, of the Abiding Hope's painting, *Les Arbres de Bruges* (the Trees of Bruges) and a reception **will follow 9:30a worship.**

Sunday, November 24: New Hope Presbyterian's **Thanksgiving Service @ 3:30p** in their newly refurbished sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 9:30 to 3:30.
Wednesday, 9:30 to 12:30.

For **Pastoral emergencies**, please contact Pastor Karen at 814-881-3266.

Little Library Update: God is so faithful to this ministry! We are not in need of books right now, but donations of bookmarks with room for an Abiding Hope address label would be appreciated! The pantry can use dried fruit, meals in pouches or microwave containers, cereals, pasta, rice, juice boxes, packages of graham crackers, and peanut butter in plastic jars. How grateful we are for your generous donations! --you are truly impacting our neighborhood! -*Connie Kerr-Vogt.*

KAFP Project Dignity: November item: Shaving Products. Donations can be place in the basket on the shelf in the Heritage Room.

Altar Flowers: Anyone who wishes to donate flowers for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up and request forms are on the table in narthex. Arrangements- **\$20.00 each.** Place the completed form and payment in the offering, or to the office by the Monday prior your chosen Sunday.

Worship Leaders ~ November 10, 2024

Videographer	Penny Gresh
Greeter/Coffee	Cindy Filson
Lector/Prayers	Judi Pacileo
Assisting Min/Acolyte	Jeanne Tropper
Communion Cups	Lois Kuhns
Communion Tray	Kayla/Emily Miller
Presenter	Carolyn Hayes
Presenter	Diana Stoker
Usher	Rich Filson
Usher	Volunteer
Counters	Analee and Lois

All Committee & Town Hall Night



Mon. Nov 11 @ 6PM

**ALL
CONGREGATION
MEMBERS
ARE INVITED!**

*Have fun! Meet new people!
Join a committee!*



**Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
at Faith Lutheran Church, 5414 E. Lake Road**

A Proper Seat for Emmanuel:

Personal Reflections on the History and Meaning of the Christmas Crèche



Michael E. DeSanctis, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts & Theology, Gannon University

Scholar In Residence, Jefferson Educational Society · Erie, Pennsylvania

This lavishly illustrated presentation will examine the crèche-building activities of Dr. Michael E. DeSanctis, Professor Emeritus at Gannon and Scholar in Residence at the Jefferson Society. The presentation will address the central role played by St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) in the development of Nativity scenes of the sort that have become fixtures within Christian churches and households during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. It will also describe how Dr. DeSanctis has adapted such scenes to the needs of modern audiences to share the message of Christ's birth.

Light refreshments following. All are welcome!